



Traffic Safety Newsletter

JANUARY 2013

OPERATION PULL OVER BLITZ 73 MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS

Congratulations to the following officers for their outstanding contributions to Blitz 73!

If you know an officer who deserves recognition as an MVP, please email your LEL including the officer's name, department name and why they are an MVP!

Officer Tony Bryant-Clarksville Police Department (Clark Co. TSP)

In 16 hours of enforcement, Officer Bryant wrote 40 seatbelt citations, 4 operator never licensed, 1 driving while suspended, 1 possession of marijuana, 2 out of state registration violations, 3 speeding, 1 expired driver's license, 1 no proof of insurance and 1 turn signal violation.

Deputy Brandon Taylor-Vanderburgh Co. Sheriff's Dept. (Evansville-Vanderburgh Co. TSP)

Deputy Taylor is new to the department and worked 18 hours of enforcement. He issued 34 seatbelt citations, arrested one person with possession of drug paraphernalia, two arrests on failure to appear warrants and served two additional misdemeanor traffic related failure to appear warrants.

Sergeant Sam Finnegan-Peru Police Department (Miami Co. TSP)

Sergeant Finnegan worked 13 hours of enforcement and made six criminal misdemeanor arrests and seven felony arrests on three traffic stops.

Officer Brock Garrison-Linton Police Department

Officer Garrison made a DWI arrest, a Leaving the Scene of an Accident arrest and an Arrest for burglary all in the same night during Blitz 73.

Officer Eric Chaudion-Ellettsville Police Department

Officer Chaudion made five DWI arrests during Blitz 73.

Honorable Mention:

Deputy Steven Johnson-Tipton County Sheriff's Department

Officer John Davis-Rensselaer Police Department

Officer Robert Hemphill-Griffith Police Department

Officer John Roberts-Franklin Co. Sheriff's Dept. (Franklin/Ripley Co. TSP)

Matt Henrich-Posey County Sheriff's Department

Michael Collins-Oakland City Police Department (Gibson Co. TSP)

Deputy Brian Petree-Hendricks Co. Sheriff's Dept. (Hendricks Co. TSP)

Officer Roger Smith-Tell City Police Dept.

RULE THE ROAD PARTNERSHIP WITH STATE FARM

The Rule the Road Teen Driving Program is excited to announce our sponsor for 2013 events! Rule the Road is the recipient of a generous competitive grant from State Farm! Rule the Road will host a minimum of four events in fiscal year 2013. This program has had amazing feedback from parents and teens!

For more information about the program, please visit www.in.gov/ruletheroad or www.facebook.com/ruletheroad. If you're interested in hosting an event, please contact [Justin Phillips](#), the Young Driver Program Manager.



2012 TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION ANNUAL REPORT

To view the 2012 Traffic Safety Division Annual Report, [CLICK HERE](#).

2012 MOTORCYCLE FATALITIES

Preliminary reports for motorcycle fatalities for 2012 indicate a total of 148 fatalities for the calendar year.

This total consists of 127 motorcycle fatalities and 21 moped fatalities. This is a substantial increase over 2011 in which a total of 117 motorcycle fatalities were reported (95 motorcycle fatalities and 22 moped fatalities).

It's Winter, Is it Safe for Children to Wear Their Bulky Coat in their Child Restraint?

The quick answer is no. Bulky clothing and coats can interfere with the child restraint harness and proper fit. Both the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Traffic Safety Administration recommend removing the child's coat and placing the coat or a blanket over the child once they are secured in the harness.

Many child restraint manufacturers have also addressed the issue by saying:

Baby Trend – “Do not dress your child in bulky clothing or other garments that will hinder the harness from being snug around your baby and properly latched between your child's legs.”

Chicco – “NEVER secure child in carrier with child dressed in bulky garments or heavy clothing. Heavy clothing can prevent harness from being properly tightened around child. To keep child warm, place a blanket over child AFTER you have properly secured and tightened harness around your child.”

Evenflo – “In cold weather, DO NOT dress the child in bulky clothing like snowsuits if the child is riding in a child restraint. This clothing makes it difficult to properly tighten the harness to the child, which may allow the child to be ejected from the restraint during a crash.”

LEL SPOTLIGHT



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South Central: Congratulations to the newly formed Hendricks County Traffic Safety Partnership for an outstanding Blitz 73. The new partnership made 13 OWI Arrests, 2 Reckless Driving Arrests, 1 PI Arrest, 2 Drug Related Arrests, 1 Under Age Drinking Arrest, and 2 Warrant Arrests. Excellent “team work” in Hendricks County.

North East: Congratulations to the Northeast region for great numbers during Blitz 73: The numbers are the combined average for all 51 agencies in the region: Citations & Warnings: 7989, Seatbelt & Child Restraint Violations: 2740, DUI Citations: 106, Contacts Per Hour: 3.67, SB/CR Citations per hour: 1.51, One DUI Arrest every 6.44 hours.



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FARS COUNT 2012

PROVISIONAL TOTAL OF 2012 TRAFFIC FATALITIES-AS OF 9:00 A.M. JAN. 3, 2013

	DEATHS		CRASHES		REDUCTION OR INCREASE	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	Deaths	Crashes
Rural	479	542	426	492	+63	+66
Urban	272	228	250	217	-44	-33
Statewide	751	770	676	709	+19	+33

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	DEATHS		CRASHES		REDUCTION OR INCREASE	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	Deaths	Crashes
Rural	7	2	6	2	-5	-4
Urban	2	1	2	1	-1	-1
Statewide	9	3	8	3	-6	-5

**OPO AND DUI TASKFORCE
PROGRAM AND FISCAL QUARTERLY REPORTS ARE DUE
JANUARY 10, 2013**



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UPCOMING EVENTS...

SFST REFRESHERS:

January 14: 1-5pm or 6-10pm Hamilton Co. Sheriff's Training Center
Contact: **Amy Summerfield** 317-774-2530

January 15: 1pm-5pm IMPD-SW District Headquarters
Contact: **Terri Crooks** 317-327-7976 by Jan. 8th

January 17: 1-5pm or 6-10pm Hamilton Co. Sheriff's Training Center
Contact **Amy Summerfield** 317-774-2530

January 24: 1-5pm IMPD-SW District Headquarters
Contact: **Terri Crooks** 317-327-7976 by Jan. 8th

TOPS:

January 15: 8am-12pm IMPD-SW District Headquarters
Contact **Terri Crooks** 317-327-7976 by Jan. 8th

January 24: 8am-12pm IMPD-SW District Headquarters
Contact **Terri Crooks** 317-327-7976 by Jan. 8th

February 11: 1pm-5pm Fishers Police Department Training Room
Contact: **Amy Summerfield** 317-774-2530

TRAININGS TO BE HOSTED BY EVANSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT:

SOCIAL NETWORKING: Jan. 31-Feb. 1

BASIC POLICE MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR COURSE: April 1-12

CONDUCTING COMPLETE TRAFFIC STOPS: May 22-23

To register or for more information contact **Debbie Baird** at 812-436-4948

LIFESAVERS CONFERENCE:

April 13-16, 2013 Denver, CO

www.lifesaversconference.org

TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2013 (SEE PAGE 6)



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Websites

ARIES (Crash Records): <http://crashreports.in.gov>
 Automotive Safety Program (Child Passenger Safety Information and CPS Tech Classes):
www.preventinjury.org
 Center for Criminal Justice Research (Traffic Safety Research and Data for Indiana): <http://policyinstitute.iu.edu>
 DRE: Indiana www.indianadre.com National www.decp.org
 Indiana Coroners Association: www.indcoroners.org
 Indiana State Department of Toxicology: www.in.gov/isdt
 JTAC & eCWS: <http://courts.in.gov/judiciary/jtac> Email: jtacecws@jtac.in.gov
 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: www.nhtsa.gov

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TRAFFIC SAFETY PARTNERS QUARTERLY MEETINGS

(not required by law enforcement agencies)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9, 2013 9AM-12PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013 9AM-12PM

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2013 9AM-12PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2013 9AM-12PM

LAW ENFORCEMENT QUARTERLY UPDATE MEETINGS

(Includes OPO Program Partnerships and grants in excess of \$20,000 and DUI Taskforces)

March 14, 2013 10am

June 13, 2013 10am

October 17, 2013 10am

SAVE THE DATE:

Law Enforcement Agencies Only-

Grant Update Trainings

June 24-28